

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3954  
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PERSONS BELOW POVERTY LINE  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of persons brought above poverty line in various states including Maharashtra during the last three years till date alongwith the number of people still living below poverty line; and

(b) the number of people belonging to SC/STs among them, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Planning Commission estimates the number of persons living below the poverty line using data from the quinquennial rounds of National Sample survey Organisation (NSSO) on household consumption expenditure. The last such survey was carried out in 1999-2000, and as such the data for the last three years are not available. Based on the last two such rounds of NSSO conducted in 1993-94 and 1999-2000, the total number of persons living below poverty line in rural and urban areas and at all India level including Maharashtra is given below in table.

Total number of persons living below poverty line(in lakhs)

Years Rural Urban Combined

All India level

|           |         |        |         |
|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| 1993-94   | 2440.31 | 763.37 | 3203.68 |
| 1999-2000 | 1932.43 | 670.07 | 2602.50 |

Maharashtra

|           |        |        |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1993-94   | 193.33 | 111.90 | 305.22 |
| 1999-2000 | 125.12 | 102.87 | 227.99 |

The state-wise estimates of number of persons living below poverty line including Maharashtra for 1993-94 and 1999-2000 is given in Annexure-I.

(b): The state-wise table on percentage of SC and ST population living below the poverty line using data from the quinquennial rounds of NSSO on household consumer expenditure for the year 1993-94 and 1999-2000 is given in Annexure II and Annexure III.

**ANNEXURE I**

Number of Persons Living Below Poverty Line.

(in lakhs)

S.No. States/U.T.'s 1993-94 1999-2000

Rural Urban Combined Rural Urban Combined

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|    |                   |        |       |        |        |       |        |
|----|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh    | 79.49  | 74.47 | 153.97 | 58.13  | 60.88 | 119.01 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 3.62   | 0.11  | 3.73   | 3.80   | 0.18  | 3.98   |
| 3. | Assam             | 94.33  | 2.03  | 96.36  | 92.17  | 2.38  | 94.55  |
| 4. | Bihar             | 450.86 | 42.49 | 493.35 | 376.51 | 49.13 | 425.64 |
| 5. | Goa               | 0.38   | 1.53  | 1.91   | 0.11   | 0.59  | 0.70   |
| 6. | Gujarat           | 62.16  | 43.02 | 105.19 | 39.80  | 28.09 | 67.89  |
| 7. | Haryana           | 36.56  | 7.31  | 43.88  | 11.94  | 5.39  | 17.34  |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh  | 15.40  | 0.46  | 15.86  | 4.84   | 0.29  | 5.12   |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir   | 19.05  | 1.86  | 20.92  | 2.97   | 0.49  | 3.46   |

|     |                      |         |        |         |         |        |         |
|-----|----------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| 10. | Karnataka            | 95.99   | 60.46  | 156.46  | 59.91   | 44.49  | 104.40  |
| 11. | Kerala               | 55.95   | 20.46  | 76.41   | 20.97   | 20.07  | 41.04   |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh       | 216.19  | 82.33  | 298.52  | 217.32  | 81.22  | 298.54  |
| 13. | Maharashtra          | 193.33  | 111.90 | 305.22  | 125.12  | 102.87 | 227.99  |
| 14. | Manipur              | 6.33    | 0.47   | 6.80    | 6.53    | 0.66   | 7.19    |
| 15. | Meghalaya            | 7.09    | 0.29   | 7.38    | 7.89    | 0.34   | 8.23    |
| 16. | Mizoram              | 1.64    | 0.30   | 1.94    | 1.40    | 0.45   | 1.85    |
| 17. | Nagaland             | 4.85    | 0.20   | 5.05    | 5.21    | 0.28   | 5.49    |
| 18. | Orissa               | 140.90  | 19.70  | 160.60  | 143.69  | 25.40  | 169.09  |
| 19. | Punjab               | 17.76   | 7.35   | 25.11   | 10.20   | 4.29   | 14.49   |
| 20. | Rajasthan            | 94.68   | 33.82  | 128.50  | 55.06   | 26.78  | 81.83   |
| 21. | Sikkim               | 1.81    | 0.03   | 1.84    | 2.00    | 0.04   | 2.05    |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu           | 121.70  | 80.40  | 202.10  | 80.51   | 49.97  | 130.48  |
| 23. | Tripura              | 11.41   | 0.38   | 11.79   | 12.53   | 0.49   | 13.02   |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh        | 496.17  | 108.28 | 604.46  | 412.01  | 117.88 | 529.89  |
| 25. | West Bengal          | 209.90  | 44.66  | 254.56  | 180.11  | 33.38  | 213.49  |
| 26. | A & N Island         | 0.73    | 0.33   | 1.06    | 0.58    | 0.24   | 0.82    |
| 27. | Chandigarh           | 0.07    | 0.73   | 0.80    | 0.06    | 0.45   | 0.51    |
| 28. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 0.72    | 0.06   | 0.77    | 0.30    | 0.03   | 0.33    |
| 29. | Daman & Diu          | 0.03    | 0.15   | 0.18    | 0.01    | 0.05   | 0.06    |
| 30. | Delhi                | 0.19    | 15.32  | 15.51   | 0.07    | 11.42  | 11.49   |
| 31. | Lakshadweep          | 0.06    | 0.08   | 0.14    | 0.03    | 0.08   | 0.11    |
| 32. | Pondicherry          | 0.93    | 2.38   | 3.31    | 0.64    | 1.77   | 2.41    |
|     |                      |         |        |         |         |        |         |
|     | All India            | 2440.31 | 763.37 | 3203.68 | 1932.43 | 670.07 | 2602.50 |

## Annexure-II

Percentage of SC and ST Population below Poverty Line by States for 1993-94

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Rural Urban

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S.No. States Sched- Sched- All Sched- Sched- All  
uled uled Popul- uled uled Popul-  
Caste Tribe ation Caste Tribe ation

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|    |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1  | Andhra Pradesh   | 26.02 | 25.66 | 15.92 | 43.82 | 46.68 | 38.33 |
| 2  | Assam            | 45.38 | 41.44 | 45.01 | 14.34 | 7.11  | 7.73  |
| 3  | Bihar            | 70.66 | 69.75 | 58.21 | 55.16 | 35.76 | 34.50 |
| 4  | Gujarat          | 32.26 | 31.20 | 22.18 | 44.99 | 35.47 | 27.89 |
| 5  | Haryana          | 46.56 | 41.55 | 28.02 | 23.58 | 0.00  | 16.38 |
| 6  | Himachal Pradesh | 36.89 | 63.94 | 30.34 | 18.52 | 0.00  | 9.18  |
| 7  | Karnataka        | 46.36 | 37.33 | 29.88 | 61.59 | 62.05 | 40.14 |
| 8  | Kerala           | 36.43 | 37.34 | 25.76 | 31.59 | 1.08  | 24.55 |
| 9  | Madhya Pradesh   | 45.83 | 56.69 | 40.64 | 65.00 | 65.28 | 48.38 |
| 10 | Maharashtra      | 51.64 | 50.38 | 37.93 | 52.56 | 61.06 | 35.15 |
| 11 | Orissa           | 48.95 | 71.26 | 49.72 | 47.45 | 64.85 | 41.64 |
| 12 | Punjab           | 22.08 | 27.00 | 11.95 | 27.96 | 0.00  | 11.35 |
| 13 | Rajasthan        | 38.38 | 46.23 | 26.46 | 48.63 | 13.21 | 30.49 |
| 14 | Tamil Nadu       | 44.05 | 44.37 | 32.48 | 61.50 | 30.08 | 39.77 |
| 15 | Uttar Pradesh    | 58.99 | 37.11 | 42.28 | 58.02 | 36.89 | 35.39 |
| 16 | West Bengal      | 45.29 | 61.95 | 40.80 | 37.73 | 19.41 | 22.41 |

All India 48.11 51.94 37.27 49.48 41.14 32.36

N.B.: 1 The estimates are based on the methodology outlined in the Report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor.

2 The poverty line for all population is used for SC's and ST's.

3 All India poverty ratio is worked out from the NSS distribution of persons and (implicit) all - India poverty line.

## Annexure-III

Percentage of SC and ST Population below Poverty Line by States for 1999-2000

Rural Urban

S. States Sched- Sched- All Sched- Sched- All  
No. uled uled Popul- uled uled  
Caste Tribe Caste Tribe

|   |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh   | 16.49 | 23.82 | 11.14 | 41.42 | 44.99 | 26.53 |
| 2 | Assam            | 44.00 | 38.73 | 40.20 | 19.99 | 2.70  | 7.47  |
| 3 | Bihar            | 59.81 | 59.68 | 44.22 | 51.91 | 39.47 | 32.95 |
| 4 | Gujarat          | 17.77 | 29.11 | 13.17 | 29.13 | 36.66 | 15.59 |
| 5 | Haryana          | 19.03 | -     | 8.27  | 25.38 | -     | 9.99  |
| 6 | Himachal Pradesh | 13.15 | 5.73  | 7.94  | 6.74  | -     | 4.63  |
| 7 | Karnataka        | 26.22 | 25.49 | 17.36 | 47.01 | 51.37 | 25.25 |

|    |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 8  | Kerala         | 14.64 | 24.20 | 9.38  | 24.15 | -     | 20.27 |
| 9  | Madhya Pradesh | 41.29 | 56.26 | 37.09 | 54.24 | 52.59 | 38.54 |
| 10 | Maharashtra    | 33.27 | 43.56 | 23.82 | 39.88 | 42.98 | 26.91 |
| 11 | Orissa         | 51.83 | 73.93 | 48.13 | 70.59 | 59.59 | 43.13 |
| 12 | Punjab         | 12.39 | 17.99 | 6.44  | 11.30 | 12.95 | 5.80  |
| 13 | Rajasthan      | 19.62 | 25.27 | 13.65 | 41.82 | 20.71 | 19.85 |
| 14 | Tamil Nadu     | 32.59 | 43.20 | 20.55 | 44.94 | 5.22  | 22.17 |
| 15 | Uttar Pradesh  | 43.65 | 34.06 | 31.22 | 43.51 | 13.27 | 30.90 |
| 16 | West Bengal    | 35.10 | 50.02 | 31.82 | 28.15 | 31.88 | 14.86 |
| 17 | All India      | 36.25 | 45.86 | 27.11 | 38.47 | 34.75 | 23.65 |

N.B.

- (i) The Poverty Line for all population is used for SC's and ST's.
- (ii) All India poverty ratio is worked out from the NSS distribution of persons and (implicit) all-India poverty line.